



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Approving the City of Lodi Arts & Cultural 2007-08 Grant Funding, as Approved by the Lodi Arts Commission, and Appropriating Funds (\$50,000)

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2008

PREPARED BY: Deanie Bridewell, Events/Arts Coordinator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution approving the City of Lodi Arts & Cultural 2007-08 grant funding, as approved by the Lodi Arts Commission, and appropriating funds in the amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Lodi's Division of Arts & Culture grants were approved at the Lodi Arts Commission (LAC) meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. The application deadline for non-profit organizations to turn in their grant requests was January 25. Seven grant applications were turned in. After the grants were received and screened, a five-member panel from the LAC reviewed and scored the grants. Members of the LAC were sent grant summaries to review and asked to vote on them at their meeting on March 12. All seven grants were approved.

FISCAL IMPACT: Same as prior years, no additional impact.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$50,000.00

Kirk Evans, Budget Manager

James M. Rodems
Community Center Director

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

**LODI ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANTS
2008-2009 PROGRAM CYCLE
SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Group Name: Changing Faces Theatre Co. (CFTC)

Art Form: Theatre

Grant Request: \$25,000.00

Project Budget: \$85,140.00

Previous Funding: 2006-07 and 2007-08

Recommended for Funding for 2008 - 09: YES Award: \$16,952.00

Project Description: “We have chosen Peter Pan and Wendy for our summer 2008 production.

The play is a wonderful new adaptation of J. M. Barrie’s 1911 novel: playwright Doug Rand has stayed close to the original work in crafting his script, and the resulting play is a delightful celebration of the imagination and enthusiasm of youth. We are excited about staging a production of this classic work of children’s literature, which is a favorite of many children and adults.”

Benefit to the Community: “CFTC’s program is both fun and demanding. We offer an opportunity to study all aspects of presenting a theatrical production - the performance, technical, and business facets - and require Company members, in return, to commit to high standards of personal responsibility and teamwork. Our cast fee (tuition) is waived for students who cannot afford it to ensure that lower-income students are not barred by cost from participating in the program. We are committed to fostering interest in the performing arts in younger students. Our program is open to elementary school students: all those who audition are cast in the pre-show, a short play offered before the main production each evening. Student directors write and direct the pre-show.”

Group Name: Lodi Community Band (LCB)

Art Form(s): Musical & Educational Enrichment Performance

Grant Request: \$5,000.00

Project Budget: \$ 7,800.00

Previous Funding: 2007 - 08 mini grant \$1,000.00

Recommended for Funding for 2008-09: YES Award: \$5,000.00

Project Description: “The LCB will present a nationally known musical organization or a clinician of national stature. To do this, we have been in contact with the Washington D.C. Herald Trumpets, The Fort Myer, Virginia Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and nationally known clinicians who would perform with the band and provide clinics for our local students at a school site. Because of scheduling constraints the concert would be held in the 2008-09 time frame at Hutchins Street Square. The performance and clinic would provide an educational and cultural enrichment for the entire Lodi community. The Delta College Fine Arts Department will provide rehearsal space, sheet music and Music Library resources.”

Benefit to the Community: “The benefit to the community will be an opportunity to hear a world-class performing group or individual and for students to experience a master-class musician.”

Group Name: Lodi Central Valley Youth Symphony (CVYS)

Art Form(s): Music

Grant Request: \$6,048.00

Project Budget: \$ 11,398.00

Previous Funding: 2007 - 08, - 2005 - \$5120; 2004 mini \$1,500; 2004 \$5,000; 99-00-\$3,000.00; 98-99- \$4,800.00 plus \$1,000.00 special technical grant; 97-98-\$3,000.00; 96-97-\$2,000.00; 95-96--\$2,000.00; 94-95--\$1,000.00; 93-94--\$350.00

Recommended for funding 2008 - 09: YES Award: \$6,048.00

Number of Active Members: 80 students; 6 staff

Admission Charged: Yes

Project Description: “This project was created to honor the seniors of our community through music. The CVYS wind and string quartets will perform concerts at three local convalescent hospitals on Saturday, February 7, 2009. These three concerts will be performed to meet the needs of those unable to travel to another location to enjoy symphonic music and will be free to all in attendance. Our main concert will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 3 p.m. performing at HSS. This concert will be free to those under 18 and over 55 years of age.”

Benefit to the Community: “These planned concerts will give all of the senior members of our community a change to enjoy symphonic music. This grant proposal will also make this music available to those who cannot attend a concert by bringing the concert to them. Research shows that music enhances of lives. This project gives an opportunity to our young musicians to give to an important part of their community while our seniors can enjoy interacting with our young musicians.”

Group Name: Stockton Symphony Association - “Steppin Out!”

Art Form(s): Music

Grant Request: \$2,500.00

Project Budget: \$ 58,219.00

Previous Funding:

Recommended for funding 2008 - 09: YES Award: \$2,500.00

Admission Charged: Yes

Project Description: “Steppin’ Out! Is a live musical experience for 4th - 5th graders. Students are taken on a “Sonic Adventure” featuring Copland’s “Billy the Kid”, music from Harry Potter, artist Christina Mok, and more. Students receive a CD of concert music for use in the classroom as well as the Steppin’ Out Times, which features information regarding musical program, orchestra, and concerts. Through this wonderful program, children will learn social skills, math and science, history, language arts, and of course musicianship.”

Benefit to the Community: “Music teaches appropriate social interaction by creating a sense of community through group music making. The appreciation of diversity springs from sharing and making membership in the group real and positive. In an area as culturally diverse as San Joaquin County, tolerance is an important issue. Giving children these experiences allows us to not only create a better community in the present, but also for the future.”

Group Name: Tiger Pause

Art Form(s): Literature

Grant Request: \$465.00

Project Budget: \$ 623.00

Previous Funding: NO

Recommended for funding 2008 - 09: YES **Award:** \$500.00

Admission Charged: N/A

Project Description: “For the 2007-2008 school year, Tiger Pause is guided by Editor-in-chief Dominique Rodriguez and assistant editor Jordan King, with the assistance from the school’s journalism advisor Roger Woo. The magazine accepts entries from any Tokay High School student. The goal for the 2008 edition of Tiger Pause is a commercial quality magazine to rival any publication in the region. Funds are desired to off-set printing costs in order to increase the “rack” appeal of the publication and provide validation of the high quality of the student artwork contained therein. Tiger Pause will be printed and sold to the student body and the general public.”

Benefit to the Community: “Many teenagers complain and whine when presented with an assignment that has to do with writing and any type of self-expression that has to do with anything connected to school work. By making Tiger Pause available, students who enjoy writing, artwork and other type of artistic expression will feel encouraged to keep enjoying such activities. Tiger Pause is the first opportunity for many students to be published.”

Group Name: Troupe Cabana Studio

Art Form(s): Musical Theatre

Grant Request: \$25,000.00

Project Budget: \$ 44,000.00

Previous Funding: 2004-05, 2003 - 04, 2003 -03

Recommended for funding 2008 - 09: YES **Award:** \$16,000.00

Admission Charged: Yes

Project Description: “Directed by Nicole Warren and produced by Colleen Lindsay, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” is an ideal musical to stage in the CPL Theatre at HSS. It will involve a cast of 100 performers auditioned locally and will include youth and adults. The ensemble also features a children’s chorus. This is a spectacular musical, appealing to a wide range of audiences. The music covers many genres and dance represented through tap, Vaudeville, western hoe-down, and salsa. The message of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” is one of hope and friendship.”

Benefit to the Community: “When we began Troup Cabana Productions 18 years ago, our goal was to give children and youth a positive experience of excellence in the performance arts. As artists and performers we, it has been disappointing to see the deterioration of theatre, music and dance curriculum in the schools and communities. The availability of an enriching and challenging musical opportunity for families is rare today. Although Troupe Cabana Productions has been reorganized to the Troupe Cabana Dance Studio, our objective remains the same. We will continue to look for ways to offer high quality performing arts experiences to the members of our community, both in the classroom and on the stage.”

Group Name: The Arts at St. John's

Art Form(s): Music

Grant Request: \$2,000.00

Project Budget: \$4,025.00

Previous Funding: 2007-08

Recommended for funding 2008-09: YES **Award:** \$2,000.00

Admission Charged: Yes, but amount not listed.

Number of Active Members: not listed

Scope of Project: "One of our concerts this season is Andy McKee. We would like to see Andy join our venue here at The Arts at St. John's for his artistic ability; his youth and international appearances bring diversity to our community. Our plans are for October 4, 2008. We offer a diverse group of concerts to appeal to all types of audiences. We currently have Vino Farms and Petrel Mark International as sponsors."

Benefit to Community: "Bringing local and out of town audiences to the area to experience top entertainment for all ages. Our concerts are for all audiences; with the diversity we portray in our schedule we have something for everyone. Our general admission prices are reasonable and we offer student and senior discounts on most concerts. Our facilities accommodate all ages and are handicap accessible."

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE CITY OF LODI ARTS & CULTURAL
2007-08 GRANT FUNDING, AS APPROVED BY THE
LODI ARTS COMMISSION, AND FURTHER
APPROPRIATING FUNDS

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the City of Lodi's Arts & Cultural 2007-08 Grant Funding as approved by the Lodi Arts Commission on Wednesday, March 12, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds in the amount of \$50,000 be appropriated from the General Fund as set aside for these grants.

Dated: April 2, 2008

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-_____ was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 2, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

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